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15	AB	3,997,516	12/14/76	Nishimura			
15	AC	4,008,209	02/15/77	Fujino et al.			
15	AD	4,966,851	10/30/90	Durance et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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AD	BA	WO 97/48726	12/24/97	PCT			Eng. Abstract

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP00/04277

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl⁷ C07K7/23, C07K1/22

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X A	EP, 910575, A1 (TAKEDA CHEM IND LTD), 28 April, 1999 (28.04.99) & AU, 9731899, A & WO, 97/48726, A1 & JP, 10-67797, A	16, 17 1-15
A	US, 3816386, A (ABBOTT LAB), 11 June, 1974 (11.06.74) & DE, 2331095, A & GB, 1402349, A & FR, 2189418, A & JP, 49-49962, A	1-17
A	US, 4966851, A (UNIV OF BRIT COLUMB), 30 October, 1990 (30.10.90) & CA, 1283072, C & JP, 63-233787, A	1-17

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.
PCT/JP 00/04277**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims	16, 17	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims	16, 17	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-17	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Claims 16-17

Document 1 cited in the international search report (EP, 910575, A1 (Takeda Chem. Ind., Ltd.), 28 April 1999 (28.04.99)), Example 4, discloses a pure leuporelin salt with a content of 99.8%. Therefore, the inventions described in Claims 16 and 17 are disclosed in Document 1 and the inventions described in Claims 16 and 17 are not novel.

Claims 1-15

Neither Document 1 nor Document 2 or 3 cited in the international search report (US, 3816386, A (Abbot Lab.), 11 June 1974 (11.06.74) and US, 4966851, A (Univ. of British Columbia), 30 October 1990 (30.10.90)) discloses or suggests a production process described in Claims 1-15. Therefore, the inventions described in Claims 1-15 are novel and involve an inventive step.